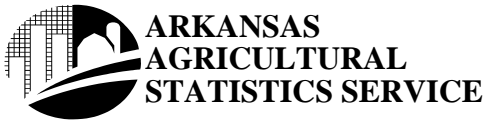


ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



May 9, 2005

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING May 8, 2005 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: May 9, 3PM - There were 6 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 6% very short, 30% short, 62% adequate, and 2% surplus.

CROPS: In the northeast, rice emergence has slowed due to cooler temperatures. Herbicides are being applied to rice, corn, and sorghum. Some farmers are flushing rice fields for emergence. Most operators were able to continue planting of rice and soybeans midweek after storms passed. Southeast and east central counties reported needing warmer temperatures and rain to activate soil chemicals and aid in plant growth. The tomato crop development has also slowed due to cool temperatures. The hail storm last week damaged some corn and strawberries in central Arkansas. Strawberries are being picked statewide, but cold night temperatures are hindering crop development. With sunshine predicted, later berries will be better. In the southwest, corn is being side dressed with nitrogen fertilizer. Cool temperatures are slowing rice emergence.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock are reported to be in good condition. Beef producers are working cattle and calves. Some producers are fertilizing pastures and spraying to control weeds in their pastures and hay fields. Some hay being put up in the southwest. Hay quality there is good.

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN									
Planted	98	92	97	98					
Emerged	83	71	92	92					
SOYBEANS									
Planted	40	25	36	28					
Emerged	21	10	24	15					
SORGHUM									
Planted	77	61	66	78					
Emerged	53	36	47	58					
COTTON									
Planted	54	29	42	50					
RICE									
Planted	88	76	86	85					
Emerged	51	35	69	63					
WHEAT					0	9	41	44	6
Headed	93	81	95	95					
HAY - OTHER					0	5	30	58	7
HAY - ALFALFA					0	5	37	57	1
PASTURE & RANGE					1	4	34	53	8

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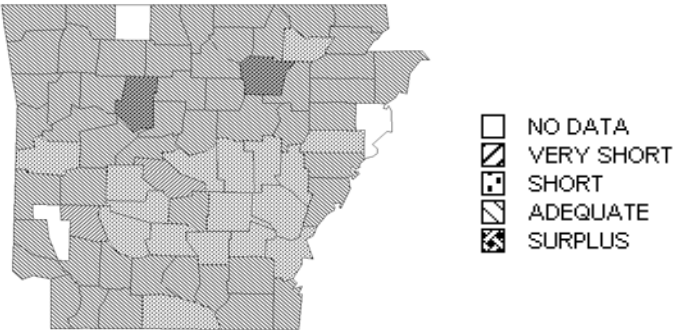
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WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

May 8, 2005. Temperatures were below normal. Precipitation in most areas of the state. Hot Springs and Keiser recorded the high temperature of 86° and Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 30°. Precipitation ranged from a high of 1.20 inches at Mena to 0.00 inches at several areas.



TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: May 8, 2005

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING MAY 8	CURR MAY ACCUM.	MAY NORMAL	JAN-APR	
							2005	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	78	31	-7	0.24	0.24	5.06	12.34	13.05
Harrison	78	37	-5	0.00	0.00	5.01	11.55	13.60
2 Calico Rock	81	32	-6	0.05	0.05	4.83	16.11	14.79
Gilbert	79	30	-10	0.27	0.27	5.19	14.97	13.82
Greers Ferry	80	37	-7	0.00	0.00	5.00	15.58	16.96
Mountain Home	79	35	-6	0.20	0.20	4.85	18.28	14.35
3 Batesville	80	36	-8	0.10	0.10	4.88	16.67	15.86
Jonesboro	83	39	-7	0.02	0.02	4.92	17.09	16.29
Keiser	86	43	-4	0.25	0.25	5.57	18.43	17.24
Newport	83	42	-6	0.19	0.19	4.74	16.27	16.64
4 Booneville	83	35	-10	0.65	0.65	5.73	11.69	14.70
Clarksville	80	39	-5	0.32	0.32	5.21	16.21	14.68
Dardanelle	82	39	-6	0.51	0.51	5.67	14.83	15.18
Ft. Smith	84	37	-5	0.51	0.51	5.29	10.86	12.81
Mena	76	36	-8	1.20	1.20	6.65	14.23	17.33
Ozark	78	31	-9	0.68	0.68	5.13	17.43	13.66
5 Conway	80	41	-8	0.00	0.00	4.62	14.91	16.20
Hot Springs	86	38	-7	0.00	0.00	6.41	15.08	18.25
Little Rock	83	43	-5	0.04	0.04	5.05	14.08	17.29
N Little Rock	83	43	-6	0.04	0.04	5.40	13.95	16.55
6 Brinkley	83	41	-6	0.25	0.25	5.70	16.95	17.64
Marianna	83	41	-7	0.34	0.34	5.34	16.85	18.92
Stuttgart	84	41	-8	0.36	0.36	5.12	17.62	17.62
7 Hope	83	39	-8	0.00	0.00	4.90	12.49	18.01
Texarkana	84	48	-7	0.29	0.29	4.29	10.82	14.92
8 Camden	85	41	-7	0.08	0.08	4.71	13.52	18.45
El Dorado	84	43	-7	0.13	0.13	5.49	14.41	18.87
Warren	83	41	-8	0.55	0.55	4.67	16.10	20.61
9 Eudora	85	44	-6	0.06	0.06	5.43	16.25	22.87
Pine Bluff	83	43	-6	0.18	0.18	4.96	16.10	18.43
Rohwer	83	41	-7	0.31	0.31	4.78	17.75	19.68